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TWO CENTS.

CAR STRIKE AGAIN IS THREATENING

May Tie Up All Surface, Elevated and Subway Lines in New York

STRIKERS' DISCHARGE CAUSES THE TROUBLE

The Strike Will Be Called Within 24 Hours, Leader of the Amalgamated Association Says, Unless Reply Is Satisfactory

NEW YORK, Aug. 16. — A tie up of not only every surface line in greater New York, but of the elevated and subway lines as well was threatened today by William R. Fitzgerald, general organizer of the Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Railway Employees, who with other union leaders yesterday charged Theodore P. Shonts, president of the New York City Board of Transportation, with discharging strikers who had returned to work, interfering with the organization which ended the recent strike.

"If we do not get a satisfactory answer we will call a strike within 24 hours," Mr. Fitzgerald declared today, referring to a letter sent to President Shonts last night. A reply was demanded some time today.

IMMENSE CAPTURES BY RUSSIAN ARMIES

Have Taken More Than 358,000 Prisoners Since Launching the Present Offensive.

PETROGRAD, Aug. 16, via London. — Between June 4, when the Russian offensive was inaugurated, and Aug. 12 General Brusiloff's forces captured more than 358,000 men, the war office announced today. The Russians have captured a series of heights to the west of Vorokhta and Ardizemoy in the Carpathians. In the Vorokhta and Delatyn regions the Austrians are retreating to the west.

ITALIANS ADVANCING.

Continuing Their Victorious Campaign Against Austrians.

ROME, Aug. 16, via London. — Further advances for the Italians in their campaign against Austrians east and southeast of Gorizia were announced today by the war office. Austrian trenches along the slope of Monte Perinka, on the northern edge of the Carso plateau and in the neighborhood of San Caterina and San Marco, east of Gorizia, have been taken, the announcement adds.

GERMANS IN CONTROL.

Special Troops Sent to Trieste to Replace Austrians.

PARIS, Aug. 16. — It is reported that Germany is taking over the defenses of Trieste, sending troops especially organized for that purpose, says a dispatch from Milan today.

Centre Congregational Church

Pictures of the pageant held during the Centre church centennial are on exhibition at Root's pharmacy, where an order book for the same has been left. Persons desiring pictures are asked to leave their names and addresses, ordering by the number on the back and stating whether they are to be mounted or unmounted. Price 25 cents each mounted; 20 cents unmounted. The pictures are to be paid for when delivered.

In Odd Fellows' Temple

Thursday evening, Aug. 17, at 7:30—Regular meeting of Oasis Encampment.

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TOBACCO ASSOCIATES SPRINGFIELD MASS.

USELESS RAILROAD, SAYS PRES. BILLINGS

Expenditure of \$2,000,000 from Brattleboro to East Northfield Unnecessary—Mellen Blamed.

In a long interview published in the Boston Herald, President Richard Billings of the Woodstock railroad says that a crisis confronts the Connecticut River Railroad and lays the blame on Charles S. Mellen. In the course of the interview Mr. Billings says:

"As to whether it would be better for the Connecticut River to go it alone, let me give you a few figures. The road was once absolutely gilded, but the first step toward a weaker condition was the declaration of a 50 per cent stock dividend, just before the B. & M. took it over.

"But it was the acts of Charles S. Mellen which are mainly responsible for the present condition of the Connecticut River. He used it to finance his quarrel with the Grand Trunk, and that's why there's been such a big jump in the capitalization, and the burden of the road in very recent years—a jump of some \$5,000,000.

"What did the money go for? Some \$2,000,000 went to build a useless line on the other side of the Connecticut river, between Brattleboro and East Northfield, and about \$500,000 more in fixing up the station at Brattleboro. Another \$2,500,000 was spent by Mellen in making the Vermont Valley—which is one of the subsidiaries of the Connecticut River—a holding company. One-third of this sum was wisely expended in that it went for the making up of stocks in which the Vermont Valley held an equity, but two-thirds of the \$2,500,000 went to acquire the Montpelier & Wells River and its subsidiary, the Barre & Chelmsford.

"To show you how bad a purchase that was—the interest which the Vermont Valley is paying for this, annually, is in round numbers \$100,000, and what the Vermont Valley got out of it last year was less than \$47,000. This, you understand, is a line which is contiguous to the Central Vermont system."

ARABS ARE HOLDING ITALIANS PRISONERS

Survivors from Sunken Vessel Taken into Interior After Landing on Tripoli Coast.

ROME, Aug. 16, via Paris. — The missing boat from the Italian passenger steamer Letimora, sunk in the Mediterranean a fortnight ago by an Austrian submarine, was driven ashore near Misrata, on the Tripoli coast, it was learned here today. Eight passengers from the Letimora who were in the boat were taken prisoners into the interior by Arabs. General Ameglio, governor of Libya, has sent emissaries to treat with the Arabs for the release of their prisoners.

TROLLEY CARS IN VIOLENT COLLISION

Twenty-Six Persons Injured in Crash in Providence—One Man's Back Broken.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Aug. 16. — Twenty-six persons were injured, one probably fatally, today when an electric car which got beyond control crashed into another car, shoving it against a heavy coal truck. Eight of the injured, including Bernard J. Grimes, 51 years old, whose spine was broken, were removed to the Rhode Island hospital. While Grimes' condition was regarded as critical physicians said none of the others were dangerously hurt.

SLIGHT DECREASE IN DEATHS AND CASES

Improvement in the Infantile Paralysis Epidemic in Five Boroughs of New York.

NEW YORK, Aug. 16.—A slight decrease in deaths and new cases in the infantile paralysis epidemic was noted today in the health department bulletin. During the 24 hours preceding 10 a. m. the plague killed 34 in the five boroughs of New York and 113 were stricken. Since the inception of the disease in June 6,635 cases have been reported to the health department, 1,187 of which proved fatal.

GERMANS USED AIRSHIPS.

Obtained Good Results and Returned After Attacking Russians.

BERLIN, Aug. 16, via London.—On August 15, says a communication issued today by the German war office, several German naval aeroplanes again attacked the Russian air craft stations at Papenholm and Le Bar on Oesel island and obtained good results, notwithstanding the heavy fire of Russian anti-aircraft and naval guns. All the German machines returned undamaged to their base.

BANGING AT VERDUN.

But at Other Points on the Front the Night Was Calm.

PARIS, Aug. 16.—A violent bombardment was carried on last night on the Verdun front. At Thiaumont, Fleury, Vaux and Chapiteau, east of the Meuse, along the greater part of the front the night passed quietly, the official report issued today says.

NO PEACE TERMS YET ARRANGED

President Postpones Further Conferences Until Tomorrow

WILSON MAY TAKE QUESTION TO CONGRESS

Tomorrow He Will Receive the General Committee of 640 Workmen—Some Suggestions as to the Basis of Settlement.

WASHINGTON, August 16.—President Wilson decided today to postpone further conference with the representatives of the railroads and employees in the threatened railroad strike until tomorrow, when he will receive the general committee of 640 workmen in the East room of the White House. In the meantime the committee of managers here and the general committee of the employees will meet to discuss tentative plans now before them.

President Wilson is framing a basis of settlement which he will submit to both sides with the notification that he is ready to go to Congress, if need be, to prevent the strike. The President's peace pact is a compromise and is said to provide:

1. That the railroads grant the eight-hour day.
2. That the workers give up their demand for time and a half pay for overtime work.

It was a surprise, almost a shock, to the President to find last night that after two days of parleying, in which he dropped almost all other business, both sides refused to make concessions. The President faced the fact, admitted by both sides, that the situation was no nearer a settlement than when he took hold of it Monday morning.

In the meantime the President, through Judge William L. Chalmers of the federal board of mediation and conciliation, will keep in close touch with the representatives of both sides. No engagement has been made for the managers' committee, but it is probable the President will see them some time tomorrow.

The latest plan on which the President is working is to put into effect the eight-hour day and have a federal commission investigate collateral issues and make recommendations. Details of the plan have not been worked out, but it was said to be possible today that if the railroads conceded an eight-hour day the employees will be urged to give up their demand for time and a half overtime.

The committee of managers remained in session almost continuously today, discussing the conferences with the President and the tentative suggestions outlined. It was stated that the negotiations are now in such form that definite decisions may be made by both sides before the end of the week.

NEW YORK, Aug. 16.—The invitation of President Wilson to the 640 general chairmen of the four brotherhoods of railroad employees to meet here in Washington to consider his proposals for settlement of the threatened railroad strike was accepted by the men here today and announcement made that they would leave early this afternoon on special trains for the national capital.

The chairmen were to leave soon after 1 o'clock. Mr. Carter, head of the firemen's brotherhood, said that he had not been authorized to disclose the nature of the President's proposal to the men, it having been understood that the President himself should be the first to lay his plans before them. It was understood here that the meeting with the President was to take place tomorrow afternoon.

ESTABLISH BUREAUS TO PROMOTE PEACE

Action the Outcome of the Ford Peace Movement—Committees in Several Countries.

STOCKHOLM, Aug. 16, via London.—The neutral conference for continuous mediation resulting from Henry Ford's peace movement has decided to establish bureaus in Bern and Stockholm and headquarters at The Hague, with Lewis P. Lochner in charge. Mr. Lochner will leave here within a few days. It is planned also to appoint committees of 10 members each in Denmark, Holland, Norway, Sweden and Switzerland, whose duty it will be to watch the political situation in the belligerent countries with the object of promoting peace.

THE WEATHER.

Generally Fair Tonight and Thursday—Light Variable Winds.

WASHINGTON, August 16.—The weather forecast: Generally fair to night and Thursday. Light variable winds.

GOV. HAS CALLED SPECIAL SESSION

Legislature to Convene Thursday, Aug. 24, to Provide More Pay for Soldier Boys.

(Special to The Reformer.)

MONTPELIER, Aug. 16. Governor Gates surprised many people today by issuing a proclamation calling the legislature in session Thursday, Aug. 24. The object of the session will be to furnish extra pay from the state treasury to the soldier boys from this state who are now serving the national government at Eagle Pass, Texas. The text of the proclamation is as follows:

A PROCLAMATION.

Whereas the Vermont troops are now serving with the United States army to preserve and maintain peace and protect our citizens on the Mexican border,

Whereas such service is being willingly and patriotically performed by our men at a sacrifice to personal interest and duty to family and home,

Whereas it appears that the compensation received by these men is not sufficient to meet their needs and the needs of their families and that if provision is not soon made such families must become subject to charity,

Therefore I, Charles W. Gates, Governor of the state of Vermont, do hereby by authority of the constitution in this respect summon the members of the senate and house of representatives to meet in their respective chambers together with the officers of the two houses on the 24th day of August, A. D. 1916, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon to provide for such compensation of Vermont troops in addition to United States pay and for such relief of their families and dependents as may seem advisable.

TRANSFER CANADIANS TO THE SOMME FRONT

Men Who Have Defended Ypres, 95,000 Strong, to Aid in Offensive Operations.

OTTAWA, Aug. 16.—The militia department announced yesterday that the Canadian troops at the front have been transferred from the Ypres salient to the Somme. The Canadians have held a position on the Ypres salient for more than a year and on that position they have fought five great battles. The troops comprise four divisions (about 95,000 men). In the time they held the Ypres salient, the Canadians' work was essentially defensive. They fought at St. Julian, St. Elloi, Zillebeke, Hooge and Festubert, with total casualties of 30,000.

The announcement of the transfer is taken to mean that the Canadians have been called upon to join the British, Australian and New Zealand troops in the great offensive which has already waged on the Somme more than a month.

The Canadians' first division is under the command of General Turner and is now one of the seasoned divisions of the British army. The second division General Currie, and the third division under General Lipsett, both have seen active service. The fourth division has but recently arrived on the firing line and is under the command of General Watson. The high command of the divisions is under General Byng.

It is understood that General Sam Hughes, minister of militia, who is now in England, will go to the continent to observe the Canadians at their new station on the battle line.

CLAIMS AGAINST MARTIN ESTATE

Two Appeals from Decision of Commissioners, Who Allowed Them as Contingent, Not Absolute.

Two appeals from decisions of A. E. Cudworth of South Londonderry and W. A. Shumway of Brattleboro, commissioners of the estate of the late James L. Martin, have been filed in the county clerk's office, both by Attorney John E. Galt of Guilford.

Both concern promissory notes which Judge Martin signed as surety and both claims were allowed as contingent claims. The appeals are based on the ground that the claims should have been allowed as absolute and not contingent.

One is by Stephen T. Davenport of Greenfield, Mass., to recover on a note for \$350 dated March 14, 1909, signed by J. G. Martin with J. L. Martin as surety. The other claim is by the Brattleboro Trust Co. to recover on a note for \$665.56, dated Nov. 17, 1914, signed by J. P. Martin with J. L. Martin as surety.

THE REVENUE BILL.

Probably Will Be Taken Up for Debate in Senate Tomorrow.

WASHINGTON, August 16.—The Republican members of the senate finance committee are to have an opportunity today to study the revised administration revenue bill, after which it will be reported to the senate. It probably will be taken up for debate tomorrow. Revision of the bill was completed by the senate finance committee last night, as approved by the Democratic caucus.

IMMENSE PROGRAM FOR THE U. S. NAVY

\$315,800,000 Is a World's Record for a Single Appropriation

157 WAR VESSELS WITHIN THREE YEARS

The Enlisted Strength of the Navy to Be Increased to 74,700 Men—Only Minor Differences to Be Settled by Committee.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16. — Navy officers virtually had before them today the task of carrying out the largest program for building warships ever adopted with a single appropriation by any nation.

Although technically not completed the naval bill, carrying \$315,800,000, has been approved in its main provisions by congress and was in the hands of a conference committee only to settle minor differences between the house and senate on navy yard appropriations.

The senate building program was ratified by a vote of 283 to 51. Increases written into the bill by the senate and approved by the house provide for the construction of 157 war vessels within the next three years and an enlisted strength of 74,700 men.

SPRINGFIELD MAN IN FINAL ROUND

A. H. Chapin Wins Both Forenoon Matches—Doubles Begin This Afternoon—Dance on Courts.

Only two matches were played this morning in the Vermont state tennis tournament in progress at the Brattleboro Country club. A. H. Chapin of Springfield won both and went into the final round, where he undoubtedly will face either Fred H. Harris of Brattleboro, the present champion, or Arthur Vezev, champion of Montreal. There will be a semi-final and the final match in singles tomorrow as well as the semi-finals in doubles.

In his match in the second round this morning Chapin beat John Williams of Walpole, N. H., 6-0, 6-2.

Just before noon he defeated P. J. Larmon in a semi-final round match, 6-1, 6-2.

As only one court was in use this morning owing to the dance on the courts last evening, which was largely attended, with music by Leitzinger's orchestra, the other matches in the second round were not played until this afternoon.

At 2 o'clock this afternoon Dr. Greene and Williams met Harris and Vezev in the first match in doubles. At 3 o'clock Harris and Vezev were scheduled to meet in the second round of singles and at 3:15 Brackett is to meet Heine and the winners of these two matches will meet tomorrow in the semi-final to determine the opponent of the elder Chapin.

Other matches in doubles this afternoon are Doughty and Chapin against the winner of the Greene-Williams, Harris-Vezev match; Dexter and Chapin, Jr., against Heine and Dorr, the winner to meet Larmon and Brackett.

The afternoon matches yesterday completed the first round and one match in the second round. The scores were as follows:

P. J. Larmon of Omaha beat Joseph Dexter of Philadelphia, 6-0, 6-1.
John Williams of Walpole, N. H., beat Wakefield Dorr of Keene, N. H., 4-6, 6-2, 6-3.

Arthur Vezev of Montreal beat Richard Doughty of Detroit, 6-4, 12-10.

Fred H. Harris of Brattleboro beat Dr. Harry P. Greene of Brattleboro, 6-3, 6-2.

Eugene Heine of Philadelphia beat A. H. Chapin, Jr., of Springfield, Mass., 6-2, 9-7.

In the second round P. J. Larmon beat C. A. Bellows of Walpole, N. H., 6-0, 6-1.

BULLET ENTERED WOMAN'S BEDROOM

Went Through Window in House at Corner of Cedar and Myrtle Streets—Came from Crowell Park.

Soon after 1:30 o'clock this afternoon Mrs. B. E. Leitzinger, who was in her bedroom in her home at the corner of Cedar and Myrtle streets, was startled to hear a bullet crash through a window in the room where she stood. Almost at the same instant she heard the report of a rifle. It came from the direction of the Crowell park.

HALIFAX.

Several from here attended the pageant in Deerfield, Mass., Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Elliot Niles, Miss Pennington, Mrs. P. Crozier and Paul Crozier climbed Mt. Grecklock Tuesday, making the trip to Adams, Mass., by automobile.

ULLERY WOULD BE BANK EXAMINER

Telegraphs Members of Democratic State Committee and Others Announcing His Candidacy.

Jacob G. Ullery of this town, for many years prominent in Democratic politics in this state, is an active candidate for the office of national bank examiner to succeed James H. Kelleher, who died last week Thursday at his home in Montpelier.



JACOB G. ULLERY.

Mr. Ullery is the only Democrat who has thus far canvassed the Democratic state committee, he having telegraphed every member, as well as other prominent Democrats in the state announcing his candidacy and asking for their endorsements. It is believed, however, that other candidates will enter the race for the position in the near future.

Mr. Ullery is president of the Vermont Marl company with headquarters at Brattleboro.

TWO THROWN AND HORSE RUNS AWAY

Mrs. Myron P. Davis and Daughter, Miss Uanna Beard, Shaken Up and Bruised—Wheel Locks Pole.

Mrs. Myron P. Davis and daughter, Miss Uanna Beard, were thrown from a carriage in which they were driving home from North Bernardston last evening, when the horse shied and the carriage collided with a telephone pole at the side of the road. Miss Beard sustained a cut over one eye, and her shoulder was bruised. Mrs. Davis was badly shaken up, but neither was seriously injured. The horse ran several miles and was stopped at the top of Main street hill, nearly exhausted. One of the reins had become wound around the fetlock of the animal, cutting into the flesh.

The accident happened at a point where a steam drill is being used in connection with the work of widening the highway. The drill had been covered with a white cloth by the workmen when left for the night, and this frightened the horse, which jumped suddenly to one side. The animal became freed from the vehicle, which was left at the scene of the accident. Mrs. Davis and Miss Beard were found by an automobile party, who brought them to Brattleboro.

The horse ran down South Main street hill and so close to Dr. E. R. Lynch, who was bending over his automobile in front of Mead's garage, as to knock off his hat.

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FIRST OF GRANGE FIELD MEETINGS

Audience of About 200 Listens to Agricultural Experts

MANY PRESENT-DAY MATTERS DISCUSSED

State Master W. N. Cady, Pennsylvania State Master McSparran and Director Thomas Bradlee of Extension Service the Speakers.

An audience of about 200 persons gathered on the Valley fair grounds yesterday, the occasion being the first of a series of Grange field meetings in Vermont. The meeting was held under the joint auspices of the state Grange and the Windham County Agricultural association, and it was thoroughly interesting and profitable. It was an excellent day, and for that reason many farmers who otherwise would have attended remained at their work. Carl S. Hopkins, secretary of the Brattleboro board of trade and secretary of the Windham County Agricultural association, welcomed the gathering. There were present three county agents, F. C. Shaw of Manchester, Center, representing the Bennington County Farm bureau, J. H. Putnam of Greenfield, Mass., representing the Franklin County (Mass.) Farm bureau, and A. W. Sweetser of Brattleboro, representing the Windham County Agricultural association. There was music by an orchestra furnished by the Grange, and Edwin H. Miller of Dummerston rendered vocal numbers, including The Perfect Day and How Ireland Got Its Name.

The automobile tour to inspect purebred cattle and fields of alfalfa and soy beans, which took place in the forenoon, was reported in The Reformer yesterday.

Responding to the address of welcome Natt L. Divoll of Rockingham, president of the county association, said that field meetings were very valuable in bringing out new thoughts and ideas. He announced a similar meeting to be held in Newfane August 30.

The first speaker was State Master W. N. Cady of Middlebury. He expressed appreciation for the co-operation of the several associations represented in the meeting and spoke at length on the fine opportunity the present day farmer in Vermont has at hand. He said that to him scientific farming meant practical farming and that if Vermont farmers were to prosper they must adopt these new ideas. He explained a student fund which is being raised in the Grange for the purpose of helping needy students through college courses. He believed thoroughly in the Grange and in all the other institutions which are working along the same lines, and said that every farmer should support them.

John A. McSparran, master of the Pennsylvania State Grange, presented a very forceful address, covering many of the present day political problems as well as matters pertaining to the Grange work. He believed that in order to have the kind of government that our forefathers established we must start in our homes in which all of our ideals are developed. If we would keep

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MARK-DOWN SALE

With so many cut-price offerings staring every newspaper reader in the face, it's a wonder the purchasing public take any stock in such sales.

People have pretty generally awakened to the fact that it takes something more than the mere juggling of figures up and down to make a real bargain.

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